JANUARY/FEBRUARY 1986

Lasca Leaves

Los Angeles County Department of Arboreta and Botanic Gardens

WATERFALL, STAIRWAY GARDEN GARNER TOP AWARDS AT SHOW

The 1985 Los Angeles Garden Show, which ran from Oct. 18 - 27, was unanimously acclaimed as the finest since the California Arboretum Foundation began sponsoring the horticultural extravaganza six years ago.

"The 1985 show exhibited superb landscape displays that were at least equal to the International Flower Show held at Hollywood Park during the 1960s," said Arboretum director, Francis Ching.

Not only were the exhibits better than ever but, according to show chairman Cliff Comstock, more than 31,000 visitors passed through the gates, about 15 percent more than last year.

The two top awards at the show were both won by C & C Landscape Assistance from Temple City. Paul Comstock and Don Cowper won the Sweepstakes award and the blue ribbon in the Professional Landscape Display category with the mountain glade they created. Streams cas-

Judy Nagby

Owners of C & C Landscape Assistance accept the Sweepstakes Award at the preview luncheon. From left: Los Angeles Garden Show committee co-chairman Rose Marie Head, Don Cowper of C & C, honorary co-chairman Kathy Brenzel of Sunset magazine and Paul Comstock from C & C.

caded down rocky outcrops in their model garden, ending in pools beside a gazebo and a hot tub.

A rainswept tropical pavilion created by Monrovia Nursery of Azusa was named the best expression of the show theme, "Water in the Garden."

KTLA's Tom Hatten added to the festivities by co-hosting the Awards/Press Preview luncheon with Kathy Brenzel of Sunset magazine. The following Sunday Mr. Hatten also entertained several thousand Garden Show visitors with his squiggles, caricatures and constant flow of quips.

The San Gabriel Valley Begonia Society copped top honors in the Amateur Cut Flower/Potted Plant Division for their shady garden surrounding a rustic cabin. Top place in the professional division went to a bamboo connoisseur's garden created by John Catlin of La Canada.

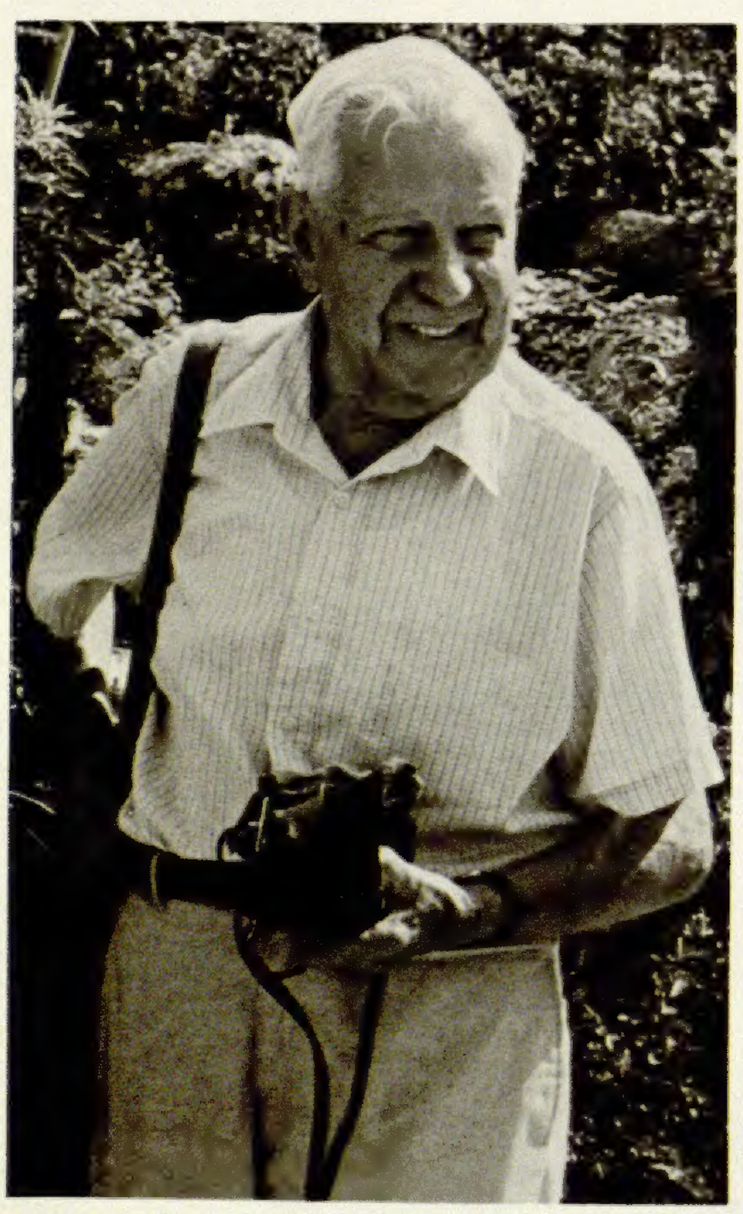
A Special Judges Award was given to the California Landscape Contractors Association for their Stairway Garden, a water and space conserving garden built into a difficult slope.

Mr. Ching pointed out that plans are already being laid for an even better show next year.

"Our goal is to take a place alongside the great flower shows at Chelsea and Philadelphia," he said. "The only way this can be accomplished is with the continued support of the many individuals, garden organizations and members of the plant industry who, along with the California Arboretum Foundation, sponsored this year's show."

Wendy Sekovich

Water lilies, which set the theme for the 1985 show, were featured in this display by Bill's Water Gardens.



LuAnn Munns

Dr. Alfred Byrd Graf, member of the Horticulture Hall of Fame and author of Tropica *and* Exotica, *visits the show.*

James Johnson

It took C & C Landscape Assistance almost six weeks to construct this mountain glade that won the Sweepstakes Award.

LuAnn Munns

Tom Hatten from KTTV, honorary co-chairman, entertains a few of his many fans by sketching "Popeye and His Friends."

LuAnn Munns

John Catlin won first prize in the Cut Flower/Potted Plant category for his bamboo collector's garden.

Wendy Sekovich

Chris Rosmini designed the entrance to the 1985 Los Angeles Garden Show which features fountains and a 6-foot painting of a water lily.

LuAnn Munns

Torrents of rain sheeting off Monrovia Nursery's tropical pavilion make visitors feel as if they are in a monsoon.

Shoppers make their selections at the trade mart booth selling rare fruit trees. Other merchants offer unusual plants, books and gardening tools.

LuAnn Munns

A donkey's-tail plant (Sedum morganianum) *forms the mane of this horse, one of the many animals in the O'Farrior Topiary display.*

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Gay '90s Live Again

Queen Anne Frolic

A SURPRISING ASSORTMENT of characters turned out for the Queen Anne Frolic Sept. 15, and all of them would probably have been welcome at various parties thrown by "Lucky" Baldwin 100 years ago. Interspersed among the proper ladies in elegant gowns and elaborate hats were enough dance hall girls and raffish gamblers to remind everyone that the "Gay '90s" were appropriately named. A new fillip added by Chairman Virginia (Mrs. Harry) Wilson – the offer of a portrait to those who came in costume – may have encouraged more celebrants than ever to come dressed for the era.

Adding to the festivities marking the centennial anniversary of the cottage that Baldwin built were three of his vivacious descendents: Dextra Baldwin Hopper and Anne Baldwin Purcell, twin daughters of E. J.'s grandson Baldwin M. Baldwin, and Anne's daughter Anita. After being introduced to the crowd, they joined more than 500 Foundation members and their guests savoring the traditional pleasures of the biennial Frolic.

Costumed guests stroll past a bicycle rider and her antique highwheeler from Vintage Cyclery.

Glenn and Charlette Larson experiment with the arcane gadgets on display in the Coach Barn. (Photos by LuAnn Munns)

Mariachi musicians in the Adobe courtyard entertain guests before dinner.

Baldwin descendents (from left) Dextra Hopper and Anita and Anne Purcell join the celebration marking the 100th anniversary of the Queen Anne Cottage's completion.

Once again, the Home Savings of America Band plays at the Queen Anne Frolic.

Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Stein pose for their keepsake portrait.

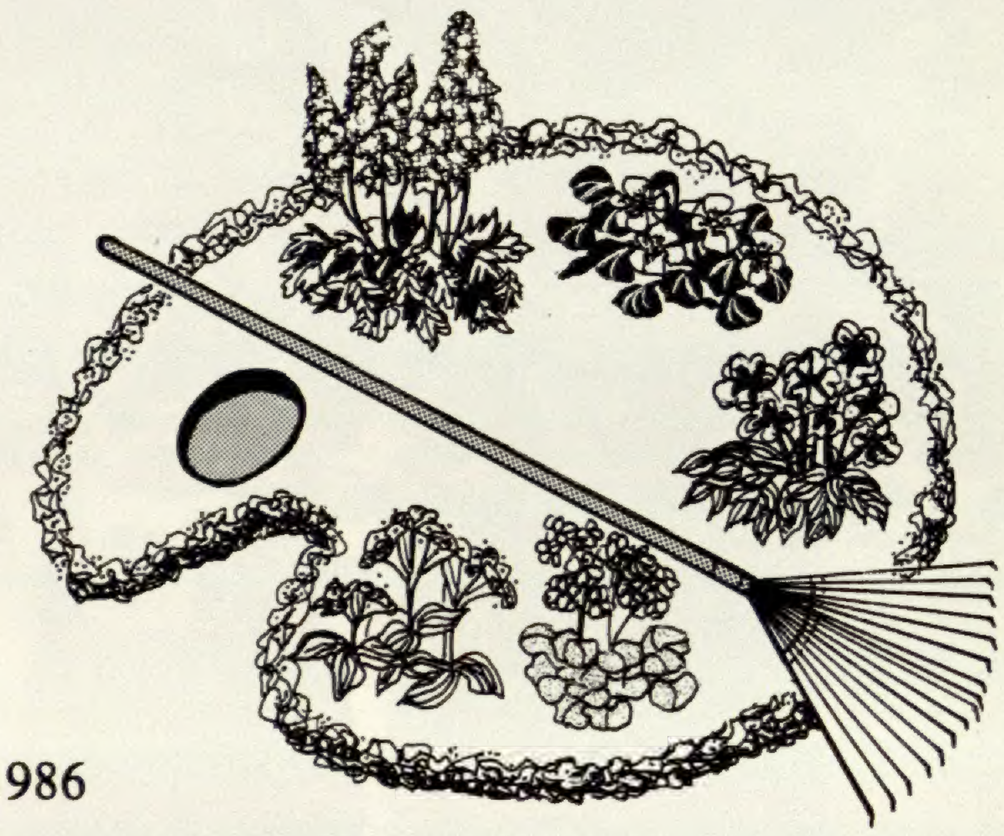
A cavalcade of surreys takes partygoers on a spin around the Arboretum as dusk settles over the party.

Queen Anne Frolic Chairman, Virginia (Mrs. Harry) Wilson, checks final preparations.

LOS ANGELES STATE AND COUNTY ARBORETUM SPRING SEMINAR SERIES

Garden Palettes for the Urban Gardener

"Theme Gardens"



- *Theme Selection*
- *Appropriate Plant Material*
- *Design*
- *Maintenance*

SATURDAY - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
FEBRUARY 8 - MARCH 8 - APRIL 5, 1986

Discounted fee for Foundation members. Further information and registration forms will be mailed.
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY, FEBRUARY,
MARCH, 1986

DESCANSO GARDENS, La Canada Flintridge

JAN. 11 — 1 to 4 p.m.
Rose Pruning Demonstration
George Lewis and Staff
JAN. 31 thru FEB. 27 — 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Artists of the Month
Louise Forbes and Margaret Wilson
FEB. 22, 23 — 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Camellia Show
Southern California Camellia Council
MAR. 8, 9 — 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Girl Scout Art Festival
Sierra Madres Girl Scout Council
MAR. 15, 16 — 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Flower Show
Pasadena Garden Club
MAR. 22, 23 — 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Daffodil Show
Southern California Daffodil Society
MAR. 27 thru APR. 6 — 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Spring Flower Festival
Descanso Garden Guild

All events sponsored by the Descanso Garden Guild

SOUTH COAST BOTANIC GARDEN, Palos Verdes Peninsula

JAN. 25, 26 — Sat. 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sun. 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Camellia Show
South Coast Camellia Society
FEB. 2 — 2 p.m.
Fuchsia Pruning Demonstration
Ida Drapkin
FEB. 9 — 2 p.m.
Camellia Culture Lecture
Sergio Bracci
FEB. 16 — 2 p.m.
Lecture on Fragrant Flowers
Dody Lyness
FEB. 23 — 2 p.m.
Orchid Lecture
Cliff Brown

All events sponsored by the South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation

LOS ANGELES STATE & COUNTY ARBORETUM, Arcadia

JAN. 25, 26 — 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Bonsai Show
Baiko-en Kenkyukai Bonsai Society
JAN. 26 — 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Bulb Sale
Southern California Gladiolus Society
FEB. 8, 9 — 1 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday
Camellia Show
Temple City Camellia Society
MAR. 9 — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Herbal Plant Fair and Sale
Herb Society of America, Southern California Unit
MAR. 15 — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FAIR
MAR. 21-23 — Friday noon to 4:30 p.m., Sat. & Sun. 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Orchid Show
Southland Orchid Show, Inc.
MAR. 29, 30 — Saturday 1 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Specialty Iris Show
Aril Society International

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